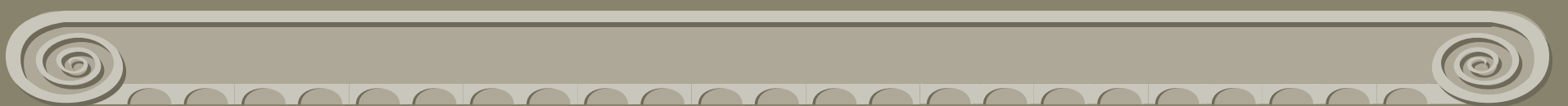


Madison Co. ATC Teachers Recognized for Outstanding Performance



Photo from left to right: Madison Co. ATC Marketing Technology Instructor Victoria Rollins, 2006 Kentucky Marketing Education Teacher of the Year; Machine Tool Technology Instructor Don Cash, 2006 Department of the Air Force, Air Education and Training Command Outstanding Technology Education Teacher of the Year; and Office Technology Instructor Diana Gordon, 2006 Richmond Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year.



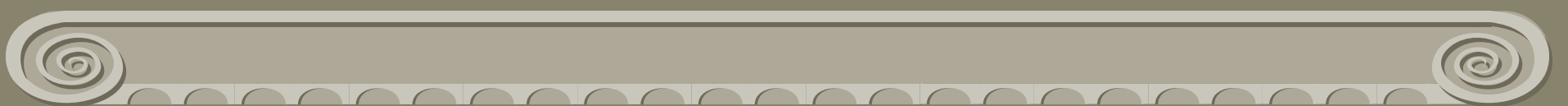
KY Tech – Madison Co. ATC Principal Doug West has reason to be proud of his faculty and staff. At the end of the 2005-06 school year, three of his teachers were presented with special awards for outstanding performance in their respective program areas.

“We are blessed to have such wonderful teachers at our school,” says West. “The caliber of our staff is excellent and we work hard all year long to provide quality technical education and skills training. When an organization takes the time to recognize the efforts of our teachers, it’s a reflection of the commitment to excellence we exhibit throughout the year.”

2006 KENTUCKY MARKETING EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Victoria Rollins was awarded the 2006 Kentucky Marketing Education Teacher of the Year during this year’s DECA (Association of Marketing Students) State Conference held in Louisville. Rollins was presented her award by Kentucky Marketing Education Association President Dawn Wheeler. The award was based on a written application and personal interview. Rollins earned the right to be part of the recognition program by receiving the Region 4 Teacher of the Year award that in turn allowed her to attend the state conference.

“It’s an honor and privilege to be recognized by my professional colleagues. I am very proud of the fact that through marketing education and DECA, I am able to provide my students with opportunities and skills that will follow them through life. To me, that is a great contribution and accomplishment,” says Rollins.



“Vicki has taken this program from its infancy to where it is right now. Her program is recognized as one of the best in the state and we are all supportive of her hard work and dedication in reaching this distinction. The time and effort she exhibits with and for her students is exemplary,” says West. “Our students have benefited as a result of her commitment and devotion.”

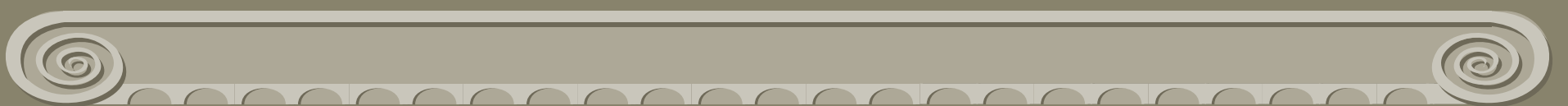
There were only 24 active DECA members when she first began working with the marketing program. With support from the Marketing Advisory Committee of Madison County and Madison Central High School Teacher David Silver, DECA opportunities were extended to 186 marketing students over this past year.

Rollins is a former KMEA (Kentucky Marketing Education Association) president (1998-2001) and member of DECA’s national program advisory committee. She currently serves as a member of the Kentucky Marketing Task Force and Skills Standards Advisory Committee. In addition, she is advisor to the school’s student-run enterprise (Tribal Trust Bank) and serves as teacher-coach to the Madison Central/KY TECH Mock Trial Team.

Rollins has been the marketing technology instructor at Madison Co. ATC for 14 years. Prior to this position, she taught business education at Eastern Kentucky University.

DEPT OF THE AIR FORCE, AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND
2006 OUTSTANDING TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR

For a second time, the Dept. of the Air Force, Air Education and Training Command has awarded the prestigious Outstanding Technology Education Teacher of the Year Award to Madison Co. ATC Machine Tool Technology Instructor Don Cash.



To be eligible to receive this award, a teacher has to be nominated by a student. Out of a network of 30,000 technology education teachers, only 250 teachers are selected for this award. The award recognizes the outstanding contributions made by the instructor and, the shop safety program employed in the classroom.

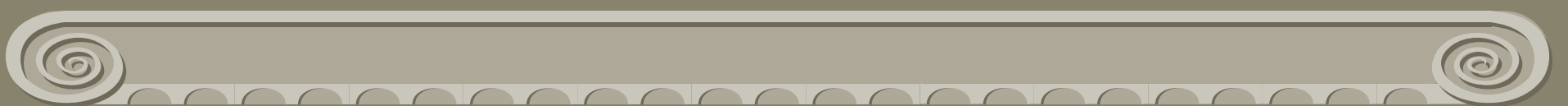
“I feel honored to get this award because I’m one of 250 teachers in the entire United States who received this honor,” says Cash. “A student must nominate a teacher for this award, so I must have made an impact on someone in my program. When the Staff Sergeant came to school to present me with this award, he said, ‘You look surprised.’ I said I am because I don’t know who nominated me, but it’s a great feeling to know that one of my students took the time to go through the process.

In addition to receiving the walnut plaque, Cash was also presented with an engraved multipurpose survival Swiss Army knife.

Don has been teaching machine tool technology at Madison Co. ATC for the past 22 years. He also serves as the ATC’s SkillsUSA advisor.

Cash’s program was NIMS (National Institute for Metalworking Skills) accredited during the summer of 2005 and was the third KY Tech machine tool technology program to be accredited in the state. He is also NIMS teacher certified.

When he completed high school, Cash enrolled in the machine tool technology program and graduated from the Somerset SVTS (now Somerset Technical College). He has earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from ECU. He served as an apprenticeship for four years at Irvin Industries in Richmond and worked 12 years in industry. When the original instructor of the program retired, Cash applied and received the position. He says, “I did my student teaching here and now I’m the teacher of the program. I have always enjoyed this teaching job and making a difference in the lives of my students.”



“Mr. Cash does an outstanding job for the school and community in training students for industry. It’s obvious that his students respect him as an instructor because this is the second time he has received this award,” says West. “We are proud of his efforts and appreciate his dedication. Without a doubt, he has made an imprint on the lives of his students.”

2006 RICHMOND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Madison Co. ATC Office Technology Instructor Diana Gordon was presented the 2006 Richmond Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year Award during a special ceremony at the annual banquet. Vicki Moberly, last year’s recipient, presented her with the award. Gordon was nominated by Madison Co. ATC Principal Doug West and supported by Madison Co. Assistant Superintendent Kevin Hub.

“I have been a member of the Madison Co. Business Education Partnership (MCBEP) committee for the past three years. The committee was originally formed through the Chamber to allow educators and business and industry representatives to work together to develop programs for the benefit of students,” says Gordon. “To be honored with this award is indeed significant. Being a part of the MCBEP provided many opportunities for my students to develop their leadership skills. They have been able to present their projects to MCBEP. My students have also benefited through scholarships and job offers. This has been a great year for all of us.”

Through her leadership and commitment, students have been given opportunities to work in the community on several projects including the development of a community service project they named “*The Corporate Closet*.” It was designed to help recent GED graduates obtain free, suitable attire to wear to a job interview. She

devotes hours of personal time by leading students in endeavors that include “Grandparent’s Day” and “Shriner’s Day” so that they may give back to the community. She also involves her students in projects that are directly connected to business professionals. For example, her Leadership Dynamics class worked with Children’s Champions on a project to inform middle school students of the dangers of prescription drug abuse. This project was so well received that the class was invited to present the project with MCBEP at the Chamber of Commerce. After presenting at MCBEP, her class was invited to participate in the “Face-to-Face with Ethics” conference at EKU and received corporate sponsorship to attend the “Unbridling the Spirit of Leadership” conference featuring Dr. John C. Maxwell.

“Ms. Gordon is not only dedicated to education within KY TECH, but she is committed to the education profession and Richmond community,” says West. “She is competent and resourceful in providing strong ties between education and the business community. She left a career in banking to share knowledge with young adults and prepare them for careers in the business world. To maintain these strong ties and ensure her students are prepared, she involves them in projects that are directly connected to business professionals.”

A life long resident of Madison Co., Gordon has been teaching business and accounting classes for 17 years. She also serves as the school’s FBLA adviser and is a member of the National Business Education Association.

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